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My name is Shelly Wittman, I am a resident of Ballantine, Yellowstone County Montana. Because of Pitt Bull Terriors at large in our area my family & friends have experienced loss of Livestock and pet's lives and harassment from the dog owners. We have trouble with other breeds of dogs at large also but the Pitt Bull Terrior is the most destructive. It doesn't just bite an animal it rips and tears until usually the other animal is dead or left slowly dying. Last year my 4 year old Grand-Daughter Courtney was attacked through the fence on our property by a Neighbor's Pitt Bull, he wanted to bite her so bad he got his head stuck in the fence. But not before the animal tore the sleeve off her jacket while I was trying to keep her from being pulled into the fence. I repeatedly struck the dog between the eyes with a piece of 2X4 which didn't stop him. He kept lunging toward us so forcefully he nearly got into the yard. When I was able to get my Grand-daughter loose we ran into the house. Animal control could not respond when called, a Sheriff's Deputy responded. But by then the dog was no where to be found. The owners hid him. And the Deputy said that unless the animal was caught in the act there was nothing he could do. The dog was later ordered to be destroyed by a Judge. The Neighbors 2nd Pitt Bull was taken to the County facility after trying to get into my chickens. Now, the same neighbors are on the 3rd Pitt Bull Which has been caught trying to get into the fence with my Livestock.. Don't my animals deserve to be protected on my own property? Law enforcement can't respond quick enough when an attack happens. We are left to fend for ourselves. Then face fears that we will be charged with cruelty to an Animal if force is necessary. What about cruelty to my animals? My sheep is 12 years old I use his wool for stuffing Christmas ornament I make by hand and sell on the internet. My family enjoys the eggs my chickens lay. The Goat is a pet for my Grand-Daughters. I have had the unpleasant experience of having to shoot an unwanted Pitt Bull in the middle of the night while an injured pet lay dying while they were torn apart and lying in their own blood. When people don't take care of their aggressive animals and they have to be euthanized I think that is also cruelty to an animal. But, they just keep getting more animals. When is it enough? If people can't be stopped from neglecting aggressive animals then for the safety of the community the aggressive animals should be prohibited.

Tom Ringo
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My 2 dogs were attacked by a brown and white Pitt Bull on my property which resulted in the death of our pet a chocolate lab named Ruger.

Stacey Hyde
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I had an unpleasant experience with a Pitt Bull in my Neighborhood. I could not walk my dog around the block because this Pitt Bull would be in the yard and I was too afraid because this dog would come after you. If you were not careful it would chase you. We would call animal Control constantly to complain. They would come out and look around for the dog but have to leave because the dog would be hidden away. The dog just seemed to know when to run home. The Sheriff said that unless the dog was caught in the act there was nothing they could do.

Glenda Lahn
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A Pitt bull tried to attack her in her yard. Called Law Enforcement and dog was finally taken away after much grief from the Sheriff's Dept.

Keith Roberts
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Has had a lot of trouble with a next door neighbor and Pitt Bull owner that he had to build a wood fence between them and the neighbors. The dog was continually out of it's yard and tried to bite them.